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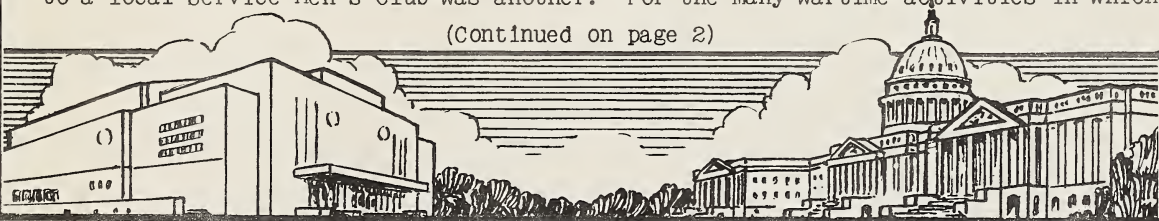
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Special

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

If I should attempt to enumerate the activities and accomplishments of the Farm Credit Club during the past year, it would read like a page from a filing manual. If I should undertake to write about them in detail, I would cover a lot of territory. Truly the list is long and their scope is broad. To mention but a few: Your club has sponsored free movies and music during lunch period once a week; a creative writing class; bridge lessons and tournaments; a dressmaking class; a public speaking class; language classes, including English, Spanish, and Portuguese; WAG discussion group; sketch class; choral singing; sports of nearly every type; and hobby show. On the more serious side have been the obtaining of discounts on supplies and equipment for Victory Gardeners; maintaining a gas rationing service for all employees; maintaining a supply of War Savings stamps and postage stamps, as well as a supply of wrapping paper and twine, for the convenience of employees; keeping employees informed through bulletin board service of whatever may be to their interest or benefit; providing a second infra-red lamp for the Emergency Room, and making available funds for purchase of cold serum in quantity, thus providing it at lower cost to employees. Every day our members demonstrate their interest in our club room, making use of its play, refreshment, and reading facilities. Our lending library takes the club into many homes. The activities of the club were not confined to its members on the home front. Providing and sending Christmas packages to our men and women in the Service was one of its activities; providing donuts and coffee to a local Service Men's Club was another. For the many wartime activities in which

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FARM CREDIT CLUB

The Farm Credit Club presents herein its annual report of activities of the year July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Julia D. Connor, President; R. H. Cawood, Vice President; Gardner Walker, Treasurer; Katherine Delany, Executive Secretary; Agnes Nemanich, Recording Secretary; Margaret Porter, Bernice Nilson, Fulton Want, F. D. Van Sant, R. O. Brownell, and R. E. Kaufmann, Directors.

CONTACT COMMITTEE

Francis Smith, Chairman

During the past year the Contact Committee sold 574 club memberships and ended the year with a total membership of 98.7 percent of all potential members. This represents an all-time high for percentage of membership and was due to the diligent efforts of the individuals serving on the Contact Committee.

Among other services rendered by this committee during the year were the promotion and sale of tickets for the two club dances, the promotion and collection of funds for the Red Cross campaign, the Infantile Paralysis campaign, and the War Chest. Other miscellaneous activities of the committee consisted of

circulation and sale of auditorium booklets, and promotion of noon hour concerts.

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your club took part, I refer you to the report of the War Activities Committee; in fact, I urge you to read the reports of all committees.

Every member of the club who availed himself of the opportunities of attending the two dances and the Christmas party knows the true spirit of the Farm Credit Club.

Behind every accomplishment there is always the invisible machinery without which the wheels would cease to turn. Such a factor is the Contact Committee of your club, to which I wish to pay tribute. Without it, the club could not have achieved the success it has during the year just closed. The GRAPEVINE speaks for itself.

The board can only direct; the members carry on. How well they have carried on is known to every one of you. Through it all runs the fine cooperation which

our club has received from Governor Duggan and his staff. To all of you I say, well done, and thank you. Julia D. Connor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Cawood, Chairman

WOMEN'S SPEAKERS CLUB

The WAGS ended their 3rd season of programs with a dinner meeting. Programs have been presented under the direction of Chairman, Verna Brewer. The following leaders assisted; Gwendolyn Goode, "Flying Down to Rio," Verna Brewer, "Short Cuts in Housekeeping," Elizabeth Cawood, "Origin of Christmas Carols," Phoebe Norton, "Shawnee Mission," Louise Pressgrove, "Hobbies After Retirement," Marie Fuhr, "Town Hall," Hester Waters, "Civic Activities," Alma Day and Marie Fuhr, "Postwar Travel," Ruth McMann, Arrangements Chairman, scheduled all dinners.

A picnic at Mission, Kansas, with a tour through Old Mission will close activities for the summer.

CREATIVE WRITING

Marie Fuhr

For the second consecutive year the Creative Writing group has held a weekly class with Myrtes-Marie Plummer, in charge. Members have had articles in the AMERICAN COURIER, and in the GRAPEVINE.

A number of the members are registered also in the Poetry class.

ART CLASS

Ruth Lene

Two years ago an art class was formed under the leadership of Mr. Shenker. Since then the group is comprised of a few who are seriously interested in painting. Through Mr. Shenker's guidance, they received a greater knowledge and better understanding of art.

STOP! READ! THEN ACT!

Jane Nevin

"What would we do without the Bulletin Board?" No, we are not going to get rid of it. But as one who faces it all day,

I think, it is one of the most important of the educational activities of the Club. It is there for everyone to read. (And truly, I have seen recruits for the Maritime Service read every article). If you want a house, want to sell something, or desire a ride, amazing results develop from posting a notice on the Board. Any one who doesn't read the board is missing out on a lot of fun. This is not a bull of sale, but take it from a constant observer, this is a sure-fire way of keeping yourself posted on what is going on. So don't say: "Why doesn't anyone ever tell me these things?" Find out for yourself - the smart way.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Paul L. Rapp, Chairman

Rosemary Daves, Louise Pressgrove

The Library added 258 new books and 8 record albums during the past year at a cost of \$448.52 and \$33.75, respectively. Total circulation was 4,802 books and 494 records.

Receipts amounted to \$467.71, of which \$362.38 represented book fees, \$77.68 book sales, and \$27.65 record fees.

At the suggestions of members, the committee ordered subscriptions to the Sunday PM and the Sunday NEW YORK TIMES and received a complimentary subscription to the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

Many members bought books and subscribed to magazines at reduced rates through the club.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Jane Nevin

This committee is responsible for supplying postage stamps and war savings stamps for sale to the employees of the FCA. Stamps are available daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Information Desk.

WAR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

J. M. Selby - Louise M. Pressgrove

Full details of the War Chest and the Red Cross Drives have already appeared in
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the "GRAPEVINE."

In the Victory Garden contest, 23 gardeners displayed their products and competed for prizes totaling \$80 in war stamps. Many benefited from discounts on purchases of gardening supplies.

During the Red Cross and Infantile Paralysis Drives, girls collected money at theaters; members of the Speakers Training Division of the WFC spoke in theaters soliciting funds; and Motor Corps girls transported workers to and from the booth at the airport and assisted in collections.

Student Aid nurses gave many hours to hospital service. (And Hospital Aides). Several women enrolled in the course for Gray Ladies.

Other activities included stuffing envelopes for the Red Cross, packing and mailing 240 Christmas boxes to FCA servicemen and women, collecting 6 cartons of clothing for the United Nations, and serving refreshment to enlisted men at the Servicemen's Club.

VACATION INFORMATION

Alma Day

Vacation information has been kept current and when inquiry is made regarding a vacation spot, a report is requested upon return from the trip so that more information can be had for the benefit of future vacationists. New circulars of nearby vacation spots are ready for the coming season.

SPANISH CLUB

Isabella McGinnis

El Club Vespertino was organized January 10, and has had an active 6 months under the leadership of its president, Isabella McGinnis. The club has lived up to its aim to perfect the conversational ability of its members, to assist beginners and to disseminate information concerning the Latin-American peoples. All business meetings were conducted in Spanish. Movies were shown and special programs planned for beginners; the members dined on Mexican food and attended movies in Spanish at the local theatres. A spring musical was given with the assistance of the Women's Chorus, and

the club invited Latin-Americans from all of the Spanish-speaking countries of Pan-America to attend a film-showing and to become acquainted while enjoying refreshments and conversing in Spanish. The club will continue its conversational practice during the summer with picnic meetings in Loose Park.

BEGINNING SPANISH

Phoebe Norton

Edmundo Coyoli of Mexico City, in charge of the inter-American students studying aeronautics at the University of K. C. taught conversational Spanish for two periods of twelve weekly lessons. A total of 39 attended and learned of the manners, customs, and culture of the Mexican people, as well as an introduction to the language itself.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Hoyt Elkins - P. L. Rapp

Prof. C. C. Fairchild, head of the Dept. of Speech at Manual Training High School conducted a course of 5 classes in Public Speaking. Prof. Edwin King, Westport High School, and Jerome Galvin of the Advertising Club substituted for Prof. Fairchild when he was unable to attend. Because of sickness and conflicting engagements the group postponed the organization of a Speakers' Club until next fall.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

W. S. Hein, Chairman

Bowling. The men's league was directed by W. S. Hein, president; G. E. Olson, vice president; R. H. Yorkdale, Treasurer; and A. N. Morrison, Secretary-Scorer. R. F. McWhirt acted as Secretary-Scorer during the latter part of the season. Eight teams participated in the league; ninety games were bowled and Examination tied with Graphic for first place.

BUY SOME MORE BONDS

Walter Hein finished with high average (165), and records were won by Reports for high team game (908); Land Bank for high team set (2,479); Ganley for high individual game (256) and Dehill for high individual set (612).

The women's league was directed by Margaret Porter, president; Pat Clark, vice president; Mary Feeley, Treasurer; and Mary Jene McGee, Secretary-Scorer. Eight teams formed the league and 90 games were bowled. Legal won by a one-game lead over Examination. Pat Ross had high individual average (143). Team records were won by Examination for high team game (736), and Personnel for high team set (2,096). Pat Clark had both high individual game (211) and high individual set (528).

Golf. (Men) K. E. Light, chairman; W. S. Hein, W. L. Moore, and D. R. S. Warburton, committeemen. The 1944 spring medal play tournament was won by Homer G. Smith with F. D. Van Sent as runner-up. In the 1944 summer team play tournament, the Morrill Murphy-Bernie Uhlenhop team finished on top in Flight A, and Bill Snow-Bill Moore duo copped the flag in Flight B. War savings stamps were awarded the Snow-Moore combination, who won the play-off. The fall match play tournament trophy went to Harry Gray, who defeated Cliff McClain in the final round.

(Women) The three women's golf tournaments during 1944 were directed by Alma Franklin, chairman, with Pat Clark, Eileen Hague, Delta Vaughn, Sylvia Mehaffy and Louise Morgan on the committees and Norma Shreve recording secretary. The spring medal play tournament was won by Pat Clark. For winning the summer match play tournament, Eileen Hague was presented an engraved trophy. In the fall team play tournament, Irene McCollom and Eileen Hague won the coveted trophies, while the remaining players received golf balls presented by the club. The 1944 golf season was considered very successful and the activity for the year ended with a luncheon for members at the Ad Club. The 1945 spring tournament is now under way.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Delta Vaughn

An enthusiastic group made up the Girls' Softball teams during the past year. The two highlights of the season were the baseball games between the Farmerettes and the Staffers, and the 7-game series which was won by Margaret Porter's Fly-catchers.

The season was ended with a chicken dinner furnished by the losing team. The winners also received pins presented by the Farm Credit Club. Play is being resumed again this season.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

R. F. McWhirt

A number of veterans from the old Farm Credit team and some younger blood formed a soft ball team last year and entered the Federal League. After losing several games the team was given a boost by the Club in the form of an appropriation for some badly needed equipment, - and subsequently rose from last to third place in the league at the end of the season with a record of 5 wins and 4 losses. This year the team again entered the Federal League and, although crippled somewhat by the loss of Andy Morrison, Morrell Murphy, Huey Eufinger and several other of its stars, is in there fighting. Its present record of 3 losses and no wins is no reflection on the efforts of the players. With a little moral support every Wednesday evening at the ball park at 39th and Gillham they should break into the win column soon.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Ramona Trout

About 20 persons participated in horseback riding on Saturday afternoons this past year. A few of this group were beginners, and the proprietor of Park Valley Stables took special care to furnish them with gentle horses and western saddles. In fact, some of the horses were so gentle they had to be led most of the way!

ICE SKATING

Frances Sayre.

Although an instructor was not available a number of FCA'ers enjoyed skating together at the PleMor on Sunday from 8:30 to 11 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 to 11 p.m.

HIKING

Hoyt Elkins, Chairman
Verna Brewer, Marie Fuhr, Paul Rapp

The hiking group enjoyed 12 regularly scheduled hikes and 3 Sunday morning breakfasts. Total attendance at these 15 events amounted to 202 members and guests.

The first breakfast at Swope Park attracted 15 hikers. This event was such a success that two subsequent breakfasts in Loose Park were held with a total of 67 hikers attending.

The year's hikes included trips to Independence, Mo., Wyandotte County Park, Excelsior Springs (2), Swope Park, Cliff Drive, Red Bridge Farm and Unity Farm.

CLUB ORGAN

The GRAPEVINE is the official publication of the Farm Credit Club. Its editors the past year have been Agnes Nemanich, Marie Wassenberg, T. W. Pritchard, Ann C. Buchanan, W. S. Hein, Catherine Champe, and Dorothy Peffer.

An editorial committee consisting of J. M. Munroe, Lucille Achauer, and Dean Ruth was appointed this past year to assist the editor in matters relating to editorial policy.

Issued bi-weekly, the GRAPEVINE has a circulation of approximately 800, including 213 former FCA employees who are now in service.

DRESSMAKING

Helen McCabe

Forty girls took advantage of the opportunity to be smartly dressed on a limited budget. Under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Wolfe, the girls learned to make blouses, dresses, suits, coats and accessories. Discarded garments were restyled and remodeled.

MOVIES

Charles Snyder, Mary Suter,
Norma Jean Talkington, Dick Robertson,
"Boots" Porter, and Bill Keith

In the past year 102 pictures including war information films of timely interest, travel films, sports reels, and comedies were shown. Also colored slide-films of Washington D. C., Williamsburg, and Virginia Beach were shown by Mary Freeze.

HOBBY SHOW

Landon Porter

The Farm Credit Club's 1945 Hobby Show was held on May 22, 23, and 24, and was viewed by 593 employees and their friends. There were 74 exhibits of Collections, Handiwork, and Photographs displayed by 64 exhibitors.

A new feature this year was the exhibits contributed by families and friends of men serving in the armed forces.

BRIDGE

P. L. Rapp - Lorraine Meurers

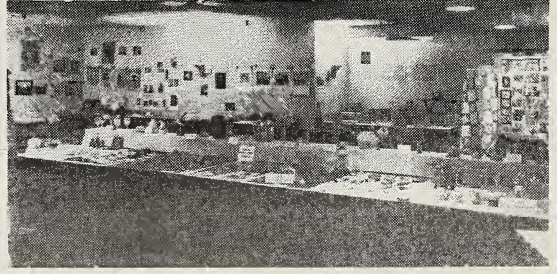
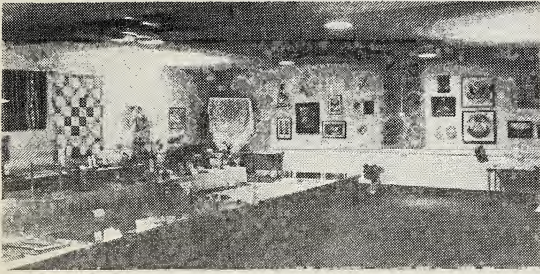
Twenty seven members registered for classes taught by Mrs. Charles Fawcett, Marie Fuhr, and Lucille Cramer. The committee sponsored three tournaments. The first tournament attracted 16 players and prizes were won by Robert MacWilliams, Marie Fuhr, and Kathleen Thomas.

Twenty players joined the second tournament. Prizes were won by Marie Fuhr, Robert MacWilliams, and Dorothy O'Bryan. In the third tournament 12 players participated. Prize winners were Ellis Batten, Julia Connor, and Evelyn Gibson.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

M. J. Fraile, Chairman
J. M. Munroe

The past year 58 applications for loans were received, 54 were accepted. The loans totaled \$521 and were for medical expense, income taxes, insurance, clothing, and general living expense. All loans have been repaid in full.



1945 Hobby Show

SOCIAL COMMITTEE Kathleen Thomas, Chairman

Assisting Mrs. Thomas with the social activities the past year were W. S. Hein, Landon Porter, Pat Ross, and Evelyn Alberg.

The President Hotel's ballroom proved to be an excellent setting for dances on December 1 and the annual spring dance on April 27. Servicemen from the show "Winged Victory" assisted in the stag line for the first dance, and the music was furnished by Johnny Coons and orchestra. The second dance brought many servicemen from nearby Quartermaster Depot to enjoy Farm Credit hospitality and to dance to the music of Kenneth White and his orchestra.

A festivity enjoyed by all Farm Credit folks was the Christmas party in the Little Theater. Johnny Coons' orchestra again provided music, and coveted prizes of turkeys, chickens, cigarettes, candy, and a war bond were given away.

Carrie Meador kept an eye on the Clubroom so that it remained attractive and well-lighted and ready for use during the noon hours of 12 to 2.

In the Clubroom members gather to have lunch, read the current magazines and daily papers, or to enjoy the many kinds of games - from checkers to darts. Wrapping paper and cord are also available for those who desire to wrap packages for mailing.

In the evenings the Clubroom is frequently used for the meeting of club-sponsored classes.

MUSIC COMMITTEE R. H. Cawood, Chairman

Ever since the GRAPEVINE of May 31, 1944, carried an announcement of the first rehearsal of the choral group, the Women's Choral Club of the Farm Credit Administration, under the direction of Waverly Haynes, has been in existence.

Starting with a membership of approximately 20, the chorus has maintained steady advancement. Concerts have been presented before outstanding organizations throughout greater Kansas City. Press notices in the Kansas City newspapers of these performances are gratifying to the club as is the pleasure of presenting monthly Wednesday noon concerts before FCA employees.

Every song fest has been a real treat and pleasure, since the original idea behind the organization of a chorus was to promote entertainment, to use the talents of its members, and to help with the war effort, but perhaps the most outstanding performances were the graduation of the Nurse's Aides in St. Paul's Episcopalian Church, with the girls dressed in choir robes, and the dinner at the Green Parrot, in honor of Congressman C. Jasper Bell of Missouri.

The Choral Club wishes to express appreciation to its sponsors, the Farm Credit Club, for furnishing a fine musical library. The Club also wishes to thank Isabella McGinnis for serving as assistant director.

During the past season the Music Committee sponsored 15 noon-hour concerts of recorded music in room 1345E, several of them as preliminaries to the programs of the Women's Choral Club. These concerts featured the new albums of the Club's lending library, including Bloomer Girl, Don Juan, Meet Me in St. Louis, Mexican

Hayride, Nutcracker Suite, Peter and the Wolf, Porgy and Bess, and Winged Victory. On several occasions members brought favorite albums of their own to play; among them were concertos, symphonies, overtures, and operatic selections.

PORTUGUESE CLASS

Isabella McGinnis

Organized in late March, members of the Portuguese class have made rapid progress. In May, they used an evening period to present movies on Brazil, having as guests a group of Brazilian aviation trainees in Kansas City. In the social hour that followed in the Club Room, the students felt that the degree of their lucidity in understanding and of their ability in speaking compensated for their patient droning of verbs and drilling in phonetics. Also, in May, the students assisted in entertaining the brilliant Brazilian novelist, Erico Verissimo, at a Sunday breakfast in his honor. Class will continue throughout the summer.

SKETCH CLASS

Grace Stoke

The sketch class has closed shop for the summer, but not without a sense of accomplishment.

The class met once a week and members or friends served as models for portrait and costume sketches. Work was done in charcoal, pencil, or pastel, the choice of medium being left entirely to the individual.